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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH OFFICE
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RE Point V

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-3 125 078 (N.M. REINERS) March 17, 1964
(1964-03-17)

D2: AT 382 429 B (LIST HANS DIPL.ING.DR.DR.H.C.)
February 25, 1987 (1987-02-25)

D3: DE 197 50 298 A1 (MAN NUTZFAHRZEUGE AG,
80995 MUENCHEN, DE) May 20, 1999 (1999-05-20)

The present application does not satisfy the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject matter of Claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses (cf. the entire document):

A fuel-injection system for the direct injection of fuel into a combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine having a cylinder head (12) in which fuel lines (61) are positioned, and at least two fuel injectors (15), the at least two fuel injectors (15) being located in valve-receiving openings (23), and the fuel lines (61) discharging into the valve-receiving openings (23) and, in addition, into a fuel connection (31) situated on the side of each fuel injector (15), the fuel lines (61) being interconnected in the cylinder head (12).

Furthermore, the subject matter of Claim 1 is disclosed in documents D2 and D3.

The dependent Claims 2 through 13 do not contain any features that satisfy the PCT requirements with regard to

novelty or inventive activity since the subject matter of Claims 1 through 9, 11 and 12 is disclosed in document D1 (cf. the entire document), the subject matter of Claim 10 is disclosed in document D3 (cf. the entire document), and the selection of the filter material (Claim 13) is considered a measure that is common in the field.

3. The reference numeral (32) used in Claim 10 should be corrected, Art. 6 PCT.

4. At the present time it cannot be gathered which portion of the application could form the basis for a new inventive claim, so that a negative report is to be expected in the international preliminary examination.